

REMARKS

This response is a supplemental response to the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated April 22, 2010. In view of the following discussion, the Applicant believes that all claims are in allowable form.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

The Applicants thank Examiner Angadi for his time and comments in a teleconference with Alan Taboada on June 1, 2010, during which proposed claim amendments were discussed. In response to the above-referenced Examiner interview, the Applicants submitted proposed claim amendments via facsimile transmission and via email to the Examiner. Unfortunately, the Examiner indicated that he never received the facsimile transmission. Accordingly, the Applicants submit this supplemental response and statement regarding the substance of the interview:

- A) No exhibits or demonstrations were conducted.
- B) Claims 13, 38, and 40-46 were discussed.
- C) No prior art was discussed.
- D) Proposed amendments to the claims to place all claims in condition for allowance per the Board decision were discussed.
- E) The general thrust of the principal arguments are reflected in the present claim amendments and discussion detailed herein.
- F) No other pertinent matters were discussed.
- G) The Applicants and the Examiner agreed that proposed amendments would be considered.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

In the above-referenced decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the Board sustained certain rejections of the Examiner and reversed the rejections as to certain claims. Specifically, the rejection as to claims 13, 38, and 40-46 were reversed.

With respect to claim 13, new independent claim 47 has been added which represents claim 13 rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of all intervening claims.

With respect to claim 38, new independent claim 48 has been added which represents claim 38 rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of all intervening claims.

With respect to claims 40-46:

independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 40 therein. Accordingly, claim 40 has been cancelled and claims 41-42 amended to correct dependency to claim 1;

independent claim 34 has been amended incorporate the limitations of claim 43 therein. Accordingly, claim 43 has been cancelled and claim 44 amended to correct dependency to claim 34; and

independent claim 37 has been amended incorporate the limitations of claim 45 therein. Accordingly, claim 45 has been cancelled and claim 46 amended to correct dependency to claim 37.

The Applicants submit that these amendments add no new matter and place all claims in the application in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that any unresolved issues still exist it is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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